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LOK SABHA

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INDIAN SYSTEM OF MEDICINE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have explored the possibilities for the development of Indian system of medicine;

(b) if so, the details of schemes formulated by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government propose to create awareness about the system in the general public;

(d) whether the Government also propose to create a separate Department for Ayurvedic System of Medicines;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether it is proposed to have cooperation from the tribal areas for the development of the said system; (g) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and (h) the financial incentives proposed to be provided by the Government to the tribals in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) The Department of Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy created in 1995 is developing these systems.

(b) The Government has already formulated schemes for medicinal plants gardens, preparation of agro-techniques, upgradation of under-graduate/post-graduate teaching, standardisation of drugs, extra-mural research and propagation and dissemination of information through information, education and communication (IEC).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d)&(e) Department of Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy is already a separate Department in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

(f)to(h) A portion of our budget would be used under a scheme in collaboration with other Departments for cultivation etc. of medicinal plants in tribal areas. The research council has already documented tribal folk medicines and is an on-going exercise.